



State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

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Donald L. Carcieri
Governor

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TO THE HONORABLE, THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE:

In accordance with the provisions of Section 14, Article IX of the Constitution of the State of Rhode Island and Section 43-1-4 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I transmit, with my disapproval, 2010 S 2425, Substitute A, "An Act Relating to Health and Safety – Licensing of Health Care Facilities."

This Act would place a one year moratorium on new licenses for home care, nursing home and hospice providers beginning January 1, 2011. Exemptions will be granted to those providers that applied prior to the moratorium taking effect.

This issue was promoted as a measure to control the quality of licensed facilities and operators of home, nursing and hospice care in Rhode Island. Some are concerned that as the State continues to promote alternative care arrangements, especially in non-institutional settings, quality may suffer. Questions or concerns about quality can be addressed through the licensing process. The moratorium is unnecessary and could send the wrong message to providers of these health care services.

For these reasons, I disapprove of this legislation and respectfully urge your support of this veto.

Sincerely,

Donald L. Carcieri
Governor